

# HONORING THE 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION

• Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, today I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a not-for-profit organization which has been on the national forefront of motorcyclists' rights. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation here in Washington, D.C. is a nation-wide grassroots activist group that is completing its tenth year representing motorcycling rights. As the year draws to an end and we look forward to a new century, we should be proud of an organization such as MRF which embodies our forefathers' commitment to the Constitution and the values of freedom and the self-determination of a citizen government.

In the mid-1980's the leadership of the various state motorcyclist associations, which had been around since the early 1970's, began to be concerned about the possibility of and need for becoming involved with federal legislation that had an impact on motorcyclists. In 1985, these leaders began hosting a national conference, the Meeting Of The Minds, to educate motorcyclists on how to be more effective in their state legislatures.

In September of this year the MRF hosted the Fifteenth Annual Meeting Of The Minds in Denver, Colorado. In 1986, the idea of establishing a national association and opening an office in Washington, DC, was conceived. In 1987, the Motorcycle Rights Fund (MRF) was incorporated as a 501 (c)(4) not-for-profit association and fund raising began. In 1988, the name of the association was changed to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, and with less than \$30,000 in the bank, the MRF hired its first employee and opened its Washington, D.C. headquarters on November 8, 1988.

Since its inception the MRF has had two primary goals. One has been its educational program, which sponsors national and regional conferences every year, with the purpose of training and educating leaders of state motorcyclist associations. The MRF's second, and primary program, is its government relations activity. The MRF was recently recognized by the American Society of Association Executives with its Award of Excellence, for the overall federal legislative program. The awards committee recognized the commitment of the MRF and its ongoing efforts for the past ten years.

In 1996 MRF's federal legislative program was also the recipient of ASAE's Excellence in Government Relations Award for a Single Issue. In its ten-year presence in the Nation's Capital, MRF has had a number of legislative accomplishments in diverse areas ranging from highway safety, personal liberty, law enforcement and discrimination issues; technology development policies, highway access, and state to federal relationships.

As we recognize MRF's 10-Year Anniversary, I look forward to hearing

about MRF's future successes in the months and years to come.●

## SAGINAW COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU PINNACLE AWARD

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to mark the third year that the Saginaw County Convention & Visitor's Bureau has recognized an organization, person or event with its Pinnacle Award. Nominees for the Pinnacle Award are chosen by the staff of the Saginaw County CVB, county-wide chambers of commerce, or from the county hospitality industry and are given based on the following criteria:

Someone who has brought a convention or conference(s) to Saginaw County that has significant fiscal impact on the county.

Someone or something that has garnered strong and positive press for the county and its various communities.

An activity or event that significantly improved or contributed to the quality of life in the county, or has had a significant economic impact.

A person who has initiated a program or event that has a positive impact on more than just their own business or interests.

A person who has assisted the Saginaw County Convention and Visitors Bureau "above and beyond" the call of duty for the greater good of the County.

A person who or an organization that has preserved or revitalized historical aspects of the County.

A person who or organization that has created or supported an event that showcases favorable aspects of the County, or which brings new tourism to the area.

The winners of the 1999 Pinnacle Award are:

Tony D'Anna, who has taken the lead on creating the Frankenmuth Oldies Fest and annual classic car show (Autofest).

Bishop Ed Leidel of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan for bringing many conventions and meetings to Saginaw County.

Frankenmuth Oktoberfest which has grown over the past 10 years to become one of Michigan's great ethnic festivals.

P.R.I.D.E. (Positive Results In a Downtown Environment). Since 1975, P.R.I.D.E. has operated as a volunteer association with goals that include the organization of events that encourage people to come to the city as well as the improvement of the downtown area.

Sarah Schultz, owner of Sarah's Attic in Chesaning, whose newly formed educational pilot program teaches children the importance of love, respect, and dignity through different ethnic dolls.

Rev. P. David Saunders, of the Bethel AME Church, for his outstanding success in bringing many meetings and conventions to the county.

Other nominees for the 1999 Pinnacle Award include: Bethlehem Boar's Head Christmas Festival, Howard and Bonnie Ebenhoeh, Cindy Hartung, Terry Jankowski, "Dixie" Dave Minar, St. Charles Haunted House Association, and Tom Trombley.

I join the Saginaw County Convention and Visitors Bureau as they honor and salute the above individuals and organizations with the 1999 Pinnacle Award. Through their hard work and diligent efforts, the economy and quality of life in Saginaw County is greatly enhanced.●

## BOISE MODEL PROGRAM NAMED 1999 PRESIDENT'S SERVICE AWARD HONOREE

• Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, every year the President's Service Award honors volunteers for their efforts directed at solving critical social problems facing today's communities. This year, Hewlett Packard's Hispanic Student Outreach program, based in Boise, ID, has been named one of 21 honorees. This unparalleled distinction is the highest honor given annually by the President of the United States for volunteerism. The award is sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation and the Corporation for National Service.

As a 1999 honoree, program representatives traveled to Washington, DC, to participate in awards festivities October 13-15. This trip included a Capitol Hill Reception, an awards dinner and the participation in 1999 President's Service Awards Ceremony.

In 1995, Hewlett Packard employees in Boise, ID, started the Hispanic Student Outreach Program (HSOP) because they were concerned about the alarming 60 to 70 percent high school dropout rate among Hispanic youths. Based on the adopt-a-school concept, the program matches Hewlett Packard employees with teachers and students at a local middle school. The volunteers act as role models, motivating and encouraging the students to stay in school. The HSOP is the only program of its kind in Idaho. Through this program more than 250 Hewlett Packard volunteers have touched the lives of nearly 1,600 Hispanic students.

The program includes many activities, one of which is Career Day. These educational field trips for 7th and 8th grade students include the students to Hewlett Packard offices for hands-on science experiments, job shadowing and computer lab sessions, local science center trips, and university campus talks and tours. The college campus trips have proven especially significant by allowing the Hispanic middle school students to interact with Hispanic college students. Another effective program is the after school math tutoring program which pays local college students to tutor younger students. Professionals are also brought into the schools monthly to talk about career opportunities and the importance of math, science and writing skills beyond middle school.